



COMPELLING REASON(S) FOR DETERMINING THAT FILING A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS WOULD NOT BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST

ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES/CFS
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INSTRUCTIONS: The Adoption & Safe Families Act (ASFA) provides for TPR filings (termination of parental rights) when a child has been in foster care 15 of 22 months, (NDCC: 450/660 nights) with exceptions. i.e. a compelling reason(s) that filing the TPR would not be in the child's best interest. Examples (not all inclusive): adoption is not the best plan for the child; the child's wishes; child has a significant bond with a non-family member who wishes to serve as legal guardian; parent/child have a significant bond but parent cannot care for the child due to emotional or physical disability and another permanency plan has been identified for child; insufficient grounds for filing a petition for TPR exist.

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:
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INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELATIVE TO THIS DETERMINATION:

Child's Age:
The portion of child's life spent living in the household of a parent:
The availability of an adoptive home suitable to the child's needs:
Child's special needs:
Expressed wishes of child (age 10/over):
Other:

THE FOLLOWING COMPELLING REASON(S) EXISTS, AND HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED IN THE CHILD'S CASE PLAN, FOR
DETERMINING THAT FILING A PETITION FOR TPR WOULD NOT BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST:

Social Worker:	Date:
Regional Supervisor:	Date:

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